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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
CHENG-LE ZHAO ET AL : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: NEW PCT APPLICATION :  
(Based on PCT/EP99/01690)  
FILED: HERewith :  
FOR: DISPERSION RESINS :  
CONTAINING ITACONIC ACID :  
FOR IMPROVING WET :  
ABRASION RESISTANCE :

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-8.

Please add the following claims:

--9. An emulsion paint comprising

i) a polymeric binder, which comprises at least one copolymer P of ethylenically unsaturated monomers M in the form of an aqueous polymer dispersion which has a glass transition temperature TG in the range from -10 to +50°C, and which contains in polymerized form

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